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FONOFF AND FMOD OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR BURDEN SHARING MATTERS TOLD US SEPARATELY THAT THEY NOW NEED A FAIRLY URGENT CLARIFICATION FROM THE US ON OUR BURDEN SHARING GOALS. FOR INSTANCE, ADMIRAL STEINHAUS, SENIOR DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIAL HANDLING OFFSET AND BURDEN SHARING PROBLEMS, SAID THAT THE FRG IS EXPERI-ENCING DIFFICULTY IN PREPARING STUDIES BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT US PRIORITIES AND LACK OF MORE FINANCIAL DATA ABOUT US STATIONING COSTS. NOTING THAT THE ALLIANCE HAS A BROAD IDEA OF OUR GOALS, HE OBSERVED THERE IS NO REAL PUSH IN NATO TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROBLEM. MINISTER LEBER IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE NEED FOR GREATER BURDEN SHARING EFFORTS IN THE ALLIANCE, PARTICULARLY FOLLOW-ING HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, AND HE WANTS TO HELP US. HOWEVER, IN STEINHAUS' OPINION, IT IS HARD FOR THE GERMANS TO BE HELPFUL WITHOUT HAVING MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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